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THE GUMPS

✓ Photoplay in two reels

✓ #11 Andy's Stump Speech

✓ Story by Melville Brown

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"ANDY'S STUMP SPEECH"

Andy Gump was resting on the farm of one of his political supporters from the arduous campaign which he was prosecuting for the presidency; Much sooner than he hoped came the time for accepting the nomination in a speech which had to be pulled off in the next town. Because Little Chester had made away with father's clothes while he was in bathing, they were having the dickens of a time in catching the train. The farmer's team was so slow that it failed to get across the railroad crossing and so Andy Gump and his family reached the speech making town on the cow catcher.

Because the train got in on time the crowd that was to meet Andy was not among those present. Trains in that town were anywhere from three to twelve hours late. As a side-issue to the notification speech, the town was holding an eccentric clog dancing contest. Although Andy used to do considerable clog-dancing himself, he thought it was rather beneath him to enter the contest. He was practising gestures in his room when a migrating swarm of bees entered the trousers which Andy was to wear for the speech. When Andy put them on, you can imagine the state of, well, we will call it, mind, he was in. As he rushed out of the room and across the hall, he butted into the dancing contest and before he had executed a dozen manoeuvres, he was declared the winner without competition.

Two union men had been engaged to clean up the town and dynamite all the stumps. They were engaged in this laudable undertaking when Andy demanded a stump upon which to make his stump speech. Just as Andy was saying, "That is my platform and I stand firmly upon it," the stump blew up and Andy landed in a nest of telephone wires thirty feet above the ground.

"Oh, Min," cried Andy, "how can I finish my speech?"

"I'll get the crowd," said Min, "and you can broadcast it from up there."

And that's how Andy made his first stump speech.

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